

A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 12, 2009 TO BE "MCKINLEY COUNTY/GALLUP DAY" AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, McKinley county and the city of Gallup are the northwestern gateway to New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, McKinley county and the city of Gallup reflect the rich cultural, recreational and economic diversity of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, McKinley county has the greatest number of Native American residents of any New Mexico county and is the home of the members of the Navajo Nation and the Pueblo of Zuni who reside in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, McKinley county is the home of Red Rock park and of one of the largest gatherings of Native Americans, the annual intertribal Indian ceremonial; and

WHEREAS, McKinley county incorporates the Continental Divide, which separates the watersheds of the Pacific and Atlantic oceans;

WHEREAS, the city of Gallup is the home of the Gallup national historic district; and

WHEREAS, the city of Gallup is a center of commerce for the members of the Navajo Nation and has been a corridor for cross-country rail traffic since the nineteenth century;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 12, 2009 be designated as "McKinley County/Gallup Day" at the New Mexico house of representatives to honor and showcase the many facets of McKinley county and of the city of Gallup; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the board of county commissioners of McKinley county and to the mayor and city council of the city of Gallup.